

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendments presented herein, claims 3-6, 9, and 18-24 remain pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-6 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 18.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action that claims 18-24 are allowed. In this reply, Applicants have amended claims 3-6 and 9 to depend from allowable claim 18 and have cancelled the remaining rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicants submit that the application is in clear condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments presented herein, which are believed to place the application in clear condition for allowance and do not require further consideration and/or search.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) month in which to file a response to the outstanding Office Action. The required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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